

Technology team directions:

Smart target:

Increase the use of ICT in teaching and learning programs by one task per faculty per cohort per semester linked to an assessment task.

Indicator:

50% of all staff are using a minimum of 2 out of 4 identified software applications in assessment tasks.

The team has met to look at the costs and benefits surrounding Studywiz versus Moodle. The team then went to Canley Vale HS to look at Studywiz. The general consensus was that it is a great platform that does everything we want with minimal man hours from us, but is quite expensive.

We then looked at Moodle as an alternative, and the team discussed schools we might know of that do Moodle well. I suggested I knew Erskine Park HS did it well, but did anyone know of others. Mitch suggested Leiccharadt Secondary College. Mitch was to contact Leiccharadt and I was to contact EPHS.

I spoke to Greg Smith, the DP and Moodle coordinator at EPHS. Greg raved about Moodle and the use of paying Sentral to establish it, and using an external server to support Moodle. It was then decided that we would like to see Moodle in action and discuss the costs benefits of the system in person. Hence, the meeting with Greg and his team with our team- Lynette, Matt and I on Monday 19/9/11.

The team has set aside Wed Week A between 2.30-3.30 to meet and discuss plans- so at the next meeting- Term 4- we will discuss which platform we think suits best and write a proposal to support the chosen platform.

After the choice has been made and approved, the team facilitator (Lavinia) will liaise with Lynette to organise an information session for the P and C aligned to working with HT Community on computer lessons for parents.

At the same time, Matt and Lavinia will need training on implementing Moodle. Lavinia to organise this through appropriate provider- either Sentral rep or Tim Grech or Benn Jones.

In consultation with DP Curriculum the TECH team will then identify the 4 applications staff will find useful to engage students and improve learning outcomes. The technology team will need to select the four applications we wish staff to embed into their assessments in 2012. The team will then need externally provided training on these applications in order to train staff on 19/12/11.

In the first staff or PL meeting in Term 4 Lavinia will need to conduct a Staff interactive survey re technology use. This to be conducted in the language centre, mandated and catch up provided and tracked through mypl.

At the staff development day in Term 4, 19/12/11, Tim Grech or Benn Jones or Sentral rep to train all staff on the use of Moodle or Studywiz- then technology team to train staff in workshops on four selected applications to align to assessment tasks.

In 2012, Lavinia as team facilitator will need to liaise with Principal and Dorothy to find the appropriate platform to deliver ongoing staff PL on aligning the trained applications to assessment tasks.